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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INTEREST IN SHRIMP AGREEMENT

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1. IN DISCUSSION REGARDING JAPANESE INQUIRY TO EMBASSY ON
US- BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT, ERNESTO CARVALHO, DIRECTOR OF
FONOFF' S RAW MATERIALS DIVISION, SAID THAT JAPAN HAS NOT
FORMALLY PROPOSED A BILATERAL FISHING AGREEMENT BUT MADE
VERBAL SUGGESTION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN RESPONSE TO GOB
QUERY REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED OPERATIONS IN BRAZILIAN FISHING
ZONE. DIRECTOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BRAZIL WAS NOT INTERESTED
IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN AND SAID GOB HAD MADE
COUNTER- SUGGESTION FOR A JOINT VENTURE IN SHRIMP FISHING.

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HE SAID THAT JAPAN HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THIS IDEA.
(COMMENT: IN EARLIER CONVERSATION JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL
TOLD US THAT JAPAN WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUCH A
JOINT VENTURE BECAUSE REQUIREMENTS TO HIRE BRAZILIAN CREWS
AND USE BRAZILIAN- MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT WOULD MAKE
OPERATIONS LESS PROFITABLE.)

2. EMBOFF USED OCCASION TO CONVEY LATEST COMPLAINTS BY US
OPERATOR OF UNAUTHORIZED OPERATIONS AND REMINDED CARVALHO THAT
JAPANESE BOATS WERE OBSERVED IN FISHING ZONE ON APRIL 24
WHEN BRAZILIAN NAVAL VESSEL INTERFERED WITH US BOATS.
CARVALHO SAID FONOFF DID NOT YET HAVE RESPONSE FROM NAVY ON
INCIDENT AND COMMENTED THAT PRESENCE OF UNAUTHORIZED
BOATS MAY HAVE BEEN REASON FOR MISTAKEN IDENTIFICATION OF
US BOATS.
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